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SUBJECT: PL-480 RUPEES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

2. AS SEEN FROM HERE, UNHCR, WHICH BEARS THE BRUNT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORT, SHOULD RECEIVE THE BULK OF ANY USG RUPEE ALLOCATION. UNHCR IS REQUIRED TO COPE WITH A MULTITUDE OF UNFULFILLED AND LEGITIMATE REFUGEE REQUIREMENTS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE HARD PRESSED FOR FUNDS IN 1981. BOTH LICROSS AND ICRC CARRY OUT USEFUL AND NECESSARY WORK IN THE FIELD OF AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF, AND EMBASSY AGREES THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR PL-480 RUPEES IN FY 81. EMBASSY ALSO URGES THAT PROGRAMS OF OTHER VOLAGS SUCH AS CARE, INTER-AID, AND IRC BE REVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE USG RUPEE FUNDING. RP MAY BE AWARE OF OTHER APPROPRIATE USES FOR U.S. PL-480 RUPEES, BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES EMBASSY SUGGEST IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE ABOUT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN RUPEES TO VOLAGS AND 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO UNHCR.

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3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ANY MONDALE RUPEE

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GRANT REQUIRES THE CONCURRENCE OF GOP. IT TOOK OVER SIX MONTHS TO OBTAIN MINISTRY OF FINANCE ACQUIESCENCE IN FY 80, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE AN EARLY APPROACH TO GOP FOR ANOTHER 5 MILLION DOLLARS RUPEE GRANT TO REFUGEE PROGRAMS. IN OUR VIEW, WE SHOULD ACT SOON WHILE IMPACT OF OUR DONATIONS TO UNHCR AND WFP IS STILL FRESH IN MINDS OF SENIOR PAKISTANI OFFICIALS. ANY OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR MONDALE RUPEE ALLOCATION MUST OUTLINE IN DETAIL ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMS WE WISH TO SUPPORT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH GOP WITH REQUEST TO AGREE TO 5 MILLION DOLLARS MONDALE RUPEE ALLOCATION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN FY 81. HUMMEL

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